

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND INFRASTRUCTURE
May 11, 2006**

**MINUTE NO. 25
3:00 p.m. – Chamber**

1. **Present:** Mr. Harper in the Chair and Members Allchurch, Atkinson*, Chisholm*, Draude, Huyghebaert, Iwanchuk, Sonntag and Trew.

Substituting Members

Hon. Ms. Atkinson for Hon. Mr. Sonntag (for consideration of the Estimates for the Department of Northern Affairs)

Mr. Chisholm for Mr. Huyghebaert (from 6:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.)

Other Members

Mr. Hart, Mr. Stewart

2. The following document was tabled:

IAI 17/25 Department of First Nations and Métis Relations: Response to questions raised at the May 4, 2006 meeting of the committee, dated May 11, 2006, re:

- List of grants to organizations benefiting Métis people;
- The department's cost share of the "Saskatchewan Métis Community Study";
- List of grant recipients for the Aboriginal Employment Development Program;
- Aboriginal Employment Development Program, 2006-07 budget breakdown.

3. The committee considered Bill No. 62 - The Municipal Revenue Sharing Amendment Act, 2006.

The following Department of Government Relations Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Harry Van Mulligen, Minister

John Edwards, Executive Director, Policy Development Branch, Municipal Relations

Doug Morcom, Director of Grants Administration and Financial Management, Grants Administration and Provincial-Municipal Relations Branch

Keith Comstock, Policy Manager, Policy Development Branch, Municipal Relations

Allan Laird, Senior Policy Analyst, Policy Development Branch, Municipal Relations

4. The question being put on clauses 1 to 9, they were agreed to.

5. It was moved by Mr. Trew:

That the committee report Bill No. 62 - The Municipal Revenue Sharing Amendment Act, 2006 - without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

6. The committee considered Bill No. 45 - The Local Government Election Amendment Act, 2006.

The following Department of Government Relations Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Harry Van Mulligen, Minister

John Edwards, Executive Director, Policy Development Branch, Municipal Relations

Doug Morcom, Director of Grants Administration and Financial Management, Grants
Administration and Provincial-Municipal Relations Branch

Keith Comstock, Policy Manager, Policy Development Branch, Municipal Relations

Allan Laird, Senior Policy Analyst, Policy Development Branch, Municipal Relations

7. The question being put on clauses 1 to 15, they were agreed to.

8. It was moved by Mr. Trew:

That the committee report Bill No. 45 - The Local Government Election Amendment Act,
2006 - without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

9. The committee considered Bill No. 52 - The Meewasin Valley Authority Amendment Act, 2006.

The following Meewasin Valley Authority Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. David Forbes, Minister

John Gerstmar, Resource Planning Manager, Meewasin Valley Authority

Ken Lozinsky, Assistant Executive Director, Parks Branch, Resource and Environmental
Stewardship Division, Department of Environment

10. The question being put on clauses 1 to 19, they were agreed to.

11. It was moved by Mr. Trew:

That the committee report Bill No. 52 - The Meewasin Valley Authority Amendment Act,
2006 - without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

12. The committee considered Bill No. 55 - The Reclaimed Industrial Sites Act.

The following Department of Industry and Resources Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Eric Cline, Minister

Glen Veikle, Associate Deputy Minister, Resource and Economic Policy Branch

Dave Phillips, Assistant Deputy Minister, Environment and Resource Stewardship Division,
Department of Environment

Witnesses (continued)

Richard Turkheim, Executive Director, Resource and Industry Development, Department of Northern Affairs

Jay Fredericks, Director, Mineral Policy, Resource and Economic Policy Branch

Keith Cunningham, Industry Analyst, Mineral Policy, Resource and Economic Policy Branch

13. The question being put on clauses 1 to 19, they were agreed to.

14. It was moved by Mr. Trew:

That the committee report Bill No. 55 - The Reclaimed Industrial Sites Act - without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

15. The committee considered Bill No. 48 - The Parks Amendment Act, 2006.

The following Department of Environment Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. John Nilson, Minister

Dave Phillips, Assistant Deputy Minister, Environment and Resource Stewardship Division

Syd Barber, Executive Director, Parks Branch, Environment and Resource Stewardship Division

16. The committee adjourned consideration of Bill No. 48 - The Parks Amendment Act, 2006.

17. The committee recessed from 5:02 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

18. The committee considered the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates for the Department of Northern Affairs.

The following Department of Northern Affairs Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Joan Beatty, Minister

Al Hilton, Deputy Minister

Glenn McKenzie, Assistant Deputy Minister

Anita Jones, Executive Director, Planning and Financial Management

Richard Turkheim, Executive Director, Resource and Industry Development

Gerald DesRoches, Senior Account Manager, Northern Development Fund

19. The committee adjourned consideration of the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates for the Department of Northern Affairs.

20. The committee considered the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates for the Department of First Nations and Métis Relations.

The following Department of First Nations and Métis Relations Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Maynard Sonntag, Minister

Nora Sanders, Deputy Minister

Richard Gladue, Assistant Deputy Minister

Trisha Delormier-Hill, Executive Director, Lands and Resources

Doreen Bradshaw, Director, Aboriginal Employment Development Program

Laurier Donais, Director, Finance, Accountability and Corporate Services

Giselle Marcotte, Director, Aboriginal Relations, Aboriginal Policy and Operations

Rob Spelliscy, Director, Gaming Trust and Grants

Jennifer Brass, Executive Assistant to the Deputy Minister

21. The committee adjourned consideration of the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates for the Department of First Nations and Métis Relations.

22. It was moved by Ms. Draude:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

23. The committee adjourned at 9:20 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

Margaret A. Woods
Committee Clerk

Ron Harper
Committee Chair